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SUMMARY: DANGER OF FURTHER MILITARY ENROACHMENT ON POLITICAL SCENE  
WASHIGHLIGHTED IN RECENT SPEECHES BY PPD AND SOCIALIST LEADERS,  
WHO WARN OF DETERIORATING POLITICAL SITUATION AND GROWING  
INTOLERANCE OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE PRESENT REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.  
HOPE OF DEMOCRATS IS TO INFLUENCE MODERATES IN AFM. AFM  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF 200 IS TO MEET FEB. 6 TO DISCUSS FUTURE  
ROLE OF MILITARY IN POLITICAL PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

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1. BOTH SA CARNEIRO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PPD), AND MARIO SOARES, LEADER OF SOCIALISTS (PS), IN RECENT SPEECHES HAVE STRONGLY CRITICIZED WHAT THEY SEE AS TREND TOWARD MILITARY ENCROACHMENT INTO PORTUGUESE POLITICAL LIFE. BOTH MEN HAVE WARNED THAT THERE IS NO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT CIVIL POWER LEGITIMIZED BY SECRET VOTE.

2. SA CARNEIRO MADE THESE POINTS IN HIS STRONGEST SPEECH TO DATE, DELIVERED AT PPD RALLY IN AVEIRO FEBRUARY 2. PRINCIPAL THEME OF SPEECH WAS THAT POSSIBILITY OF A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP HAS ARISEN. POLITICAL PARTIES, NOT MILITARY, MUST REPRESENT THE PEOPLE. ANY FORM OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE PEOPLE MUST CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANT, AND PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET CHOSEN.

3. THE PPD LEADER ALSO COMPLAINED OF GROWING INTOLERANCE IN COUNTRY FOR ANYTHING "NOT REVOLUTIONARY OR DESTRUCTIVE OF PAST." DEMOGOGUERY IS ON RISE, AND IDEA OF PERMANENT REVOLUTION HAS BEEN REPLACING PREPARATION FOR DEMOCRACY. SA CARNEIRO, MAKING HIS FIRST DIRECT ATTACK ON ORIENTATION OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT BULLETIN SAID THAT BULLETIN REFLECTS ALL THESE SYMPTOMS.

4. FINALLY, SA CARNEIRO CRITICIZED EXCESSIVE TALK OF REVOLUTION AND INSUFFICIENT EMPHASIS ON LIBERTY. REVOLUTION IS INCREASINGLY BEING MADE UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PCP AND ITS ALLIES. IT IS TIME FOR DEMOCRATS TO STAND UP AND SAY "ENOUGH" AND TO RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. "WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO LIVE IN A CLIMATE OF CIVIL WAR." HE FINISHED WITH REGRET THAT THERE IS EVEN TALK BY AFM LEADERS (READ OTELO CARVALHO) OF A NEW REVOLUTION IF ELECTORAL RESULTS DO NOT COINCIDE WITH LINE THEY PROPOSE.

5. MARIO SOARES AND SALGADO ZENHA HAVE MADE SIMILAR POINTS IN RECENT DAYS WITH FIRM AND REPEATED DEMAND FOR NO MORE DICTATORSHIP--RIGHT, LEFT, OR MILITARY. SOARES WARNED THAT "POLITICAL SITUATION HAS BEEN DETERIORATING DANGEROUSLY." PEOPLE HAVE RIGHT TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING AND WHAT NATIONAL GOALS ARE. ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT MUST BE UNIFIED AND COHERENT, IN ORDER TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS ALONG WITH POLITICAL PARTIES. ZENHA SAID FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE MUST BE DEMOCRATIC STATE.

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6. COMMENT: SPEECHES REFLECT CONCERN IN PPD AND PS THAT PREVIOUS DICTATORSHIP OF RIGHT COULD BE REPLACED BY LEFT WING MILITARY AUTHORITARIAN REGIME. FEELING OF MANY THOUGHTFUL AND INFORMED OBSERVERS IS THAT ELECTION, ESPECIALLY IF IT RESULTS IN LARGE SHOWING FOR MODERATES, WILL NOT BE RESPECTED BY THOSE IN MILITARY (PRINCIPALLY IN COORDINATING COMMITTEE) WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE OR GUIDE PUBLIC POLICY. THIS CONCERN HAS INCREASED AS RESULT OF RECENT REMARKS BY OTELO SARAIVA TO EFFECT THAT

CONSERVATIVE OR MODERATE ELECTORAL RESULT MIGHT BRING BOUT A  
"SECOND APRIL 25."

7. SPEECHES WARNING OF DANGERS OF NEW AUTHORITARIANISM SEEM  
DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO INFLUENCE MODERATES AND MIDDLE-OF-ROADERS  
IN AFM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY , WHICH IS TO MEET TOMORROW TO DISCUSS  
MODALITIES OF FUTURE AFM PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL PROCESS.  
AT PRESENT, ONLY MILITARY BODY WITH CIVIL FUNCTION THAT ENJOYS  
LEGAL STANDING IN CONSTITUTION IS NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA, AND  
IT APPEARS THAT MILITARY WILL AT VERY LEAST SEEK TO GIVE MORE  
DIRECT LEADERSHIP ROLE TO AFM ORGANS IN MAKING LAWS AND WATCHING  
OVER AFM PROGRAM. PPD AND SOCIALIST MODERATES HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT  
THEY CAN INFLUENCE MODERATES IN AFM TO DEFEAT RADICAL, ANTI-  
DEMOCRATIC PROPOSALS FOR AFM FUTURE ROLE.  
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